



Ham Shack

A PUBLICATION OF THE RIO HONDO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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President's Message

As a member of the Rio Hondo Amateur Radio Club for nine years I have witnessed an evolution in the club, one that I enjoy seeing. Our club has been growing, and not just in membership numbers. We are now teaching Technician classes quarterly and at our last class we welcomed 14 new Technicians. We have become very involved in public service through our involvement with the Whittier Emergency Management Division and civic activities like the Shelter's Right Hand 5K walk. We have improved our mentoring of new hams through our Elmer sessions before out meetings and our recent first attempt at a new hams' workshop. We are seeing members obtaining license upgrades regularly, which brings me to the high point of the month, our first General class.

Not many clubs attempt this, as it involves more theory than a Technician class and it is difficult to cram all the necessary information into one weekend. Regardless of how successful we are this weekend, and we all hope for great success, we will learn lessons and can adjust to make the next one better. We appreciate those of you who have signed up and will make every effort to help you obtain your upgrade. Good luck to all.

We have an interesting presentation for our meeting this month. While I have not heard the presentation before I have seen some of the Bioenno products which were raffle prizes at another club's Christmas party. There were batteries, solar panels and charge controllers which are ideal for hams. Have any of you participated in SOTA, Summits on the Air? These products would be ideal for that, as well as any type of field or emergency operation. I hope you all will be able to attend.

Finally, we are just two months away from Field Day and it is not too early for us to begin thinking about that. The board reviewed options and decided to base Field Day 2017 on what we did last year. Stay tuned for more information and the opportunity to provide input on improving what we did in the past. See you Monday.

73,
Rick WM6M

Important Dates

April

- 5th RHARC NET
- 10th RHARC Meeting**
7PM @ 15390 Lambert
RD., Whittier CA 90604
- 12th RHARC NET
- 18th TAXES DUE!**
- 19th RHARC NET
- 24th RHARC BOARD**
Meeting 7PM @ 11139
Washington Blvd.
Whittier, CA 90606
- 26th RHARC NET

May

- 3rd RHARC NET
- 8th RHARC Meeting**
- 10th RHARC NET
- 17th RHARC NET
- 24th RHARC NET
- 29th Memorial Day /**
RHARC BOARD
Meeting
- 31th RHARC NET

Join the Rio Hondo ARC Net every Wednesday evening at 8 PM on any of our Repeaters: at 146.175 MHz (+), PL 156.7 Hz; at 223.94 MHz (-), PL 100 Hz; or at 445.560 MHz(-), PL 100 Hz. All Hams are invited!

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Board Meetings are held at IHOP on the last Monday of the month at the IHOP Restaurant on Washington Blvd in the Santa Fe Springs Market Place Shopping Center, at 7:00 PM.

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Donald Ocampo (KJ6RXV)
Ret. Secretary

Hello Everyone,

This coming Monday we will be having Kevin from Bioenno Power as our guest speaker. He will be presenting all about the new battery technology and solar equipment. Below is a quick description about the company. I hope everyone enjoys this presentation.

Bioenno Power is the third subsidiary of Bioenno Tech, LLC, and along with its sister subsidiary companies of Lifesciences and Electronics is based in Southern California. Our primary goal is to provide for the commercial market advanced power solutions centered on an advanced Lithium-ion type power unit called Lithium Iron Phosphate (LFP). LFP batteries are one of the most advanced forms of Lithium-ion batteries commercially available and offer greatly enhanced characteristics Lead Acid batteries and even other related Lithium based batteries cannot match. Besides LFP, we also provide Lithium-Polymer (LiPo) batteries primarily for high RC model applications. Bioenno Power offers True Lithium Capacity Assurance: no gimmicks, no false advertisement and no nonsense. We take pride in individually inspecting and quality-checking each and every battery when it is stocked into inventory and when it is shipped to our clientele. What you order is what you get.

Thanks for your time in reading this article and may we all have a good time advancing our knowledge.

73 for now,

Josh, K6PNP V.P.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS BORN IN THE MONTH OF APRIL



4/11~Eric Boteilho (KK6IDX)
and Wes Hoffmaster (KK6YBS)
4/18~Richard Hodge III (KJ6GHW)
4/22~Greg Reveles (KM6FSM)
4/28~Vladmir Pejoski (KM6CNC)
and Christian Vance (K6YNW)



Highlight: Tonight was the RHARC Annual Birthday Dinner, held at the Sizzler Restaurant in La Mirada. There was no official start or end time to the meeting. While some business was discussed, it was a great night of socializing, meeting other hams and their family members, and catching up with friends.

17.57 New Hams Workshop coming up March 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

17.58 General Class – April 7th thru 9th. Friday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Call out for advanced or Extra class VEs.)

17.59 Shelters
Right Hand 5k.
Signup sheet at the
meeting.

17.60 Whittier City Walk and Roll,
July 16th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Signup sheet at the
meeting.

17.61 Dino: August 5th, Angels Crest Endurance Run.
Looking for hams to man different way stations along the
route.



Minutes respectfully submitted by Tom Calderwood



Pictures Courtesy of Josh (K6PNP)

Highlight: Membership for Ernie Mitchell, Field Day location.

17.62 Present: Rick Norton WM6M President, Tom Calderwood AA6TC Secretary, Dave Haring K6CJZ Past President, Paul In KI6EL Board Member at Large, Russell Alpern KI6ZMX, James Halley KM6GOK, Lucinda Halley KM6EXM, and Ernie Mitchell

17.63 Rick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

17.63.1 Tom moved to give members and visitors a voice but no voting privileges. Dave seconds. Passed unanimous.

17.64 Committee Reports

17.64.1 Tech Class – March class has been cancelled. Only 3 people signed up.

17.64.2 General Class is scheduled for April 7th thru 9th.

17.64.3 Practical Class Workshop had good attendance. The class went long, had somewhere between 9 and 12 people. No feedback received.

17.64.4 Had \$50 left over from the Practical Class. Dave moved to use the funds to supplement the club coffee fund. Tom seconds. Passed.

17.64.5 Shelter's right hand: Coming up in a few weeks

17.64.6 "Walk and Roll" still on track for July

17.64.7 Membership: 26 signed applications for 2017. Roster to be published soon.

17.64.8 Net: There is a 5th week this month, Rick will take it.

17.64.9 Hospitality: The coffee tastes good! Got the right formula. Will be getting 2 doz plus donut holes for each night's meeting. Funds are covered with donations.

17.65 New Business

17.65.1 Application from Ernie Mitchell: Ernie is enthusiastic about the club but has no license. He has put in an application to join and Rick put a hold on the app. Ernie took the tech test at the practical class, passed with 100%. He was signed up to take the March tech class but the class was cancelled. If he was to take the class he would have passed and received a free membership for 2017. Motion was put out to accept Ernie as a member as if he took and passed the Technician Class. Tom moved, Dave, seconded. Passed.

17.65.2 Field Day: Last year, RHARC did field day as a club in front of the Whittier City Hall. It

was a great experience and we had good PR for both the city and the club. We had good cooperation from the Whittier Police Dept. and had support of the upper political city body. BUT the location is not an ideal radio location. (Plus the bands were dead last field day!) Radio wise the event was so-so. But lessons were learned, we had good camaraderie inside and outside the club, it was a BIG PR with the city – and in that sense it was a huge success. To continue with the working relationship we have with the city, it was motioned to have Field Day in front of the Whittier City Hall. Dave moved, Tom seconded, passed. Field Day is in front of the Whittier City Hall.

17.66 Tom motioned to adjourn at 8:57 p.m., Dave seconded. Unanimous.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tom Calderwood

RHARC W6KAT Estate Auction
Items Remaining

12/5/2016

Brand	Model	Description	Bid	Amount	Sold To
Heathkit	SA2060A	HF Antenna Tuner	\$ 232.50		
Heathkit	SB-610	Monitor Scope	\$ 95.63		
Mirage	C106	220 10-60 Watt Amplifier	\$ 82.50		
Motorola	Micor	100 Watt 6 meter trunk mount radio - All accessories	\$ 75.00		
Motorola	Micor	100 Watt 6 meter trunk mount radio - No Accessories	\$ 45.00		
Unknown	Unknown	Dual band J-Pole - 2m/220	\$ 22.50		
Hallicrafters	R42	Speaker (Classic!)	\$ 75.00		
Unknown	4E27A-125B	Tube 300 Watts	\$ 67.50		

As most of you know, longtime member and good friend to the Rio Hondo Amateur Radio Club Don Olejnik, W6KAT, became a silent key last August 23rd. He was kind enough to remember the club in his estate planning, and left the bulk of his ham gear to the club to be auctioned. His desire was to help the club in moving forward with repeater and antenna upgrades and improvements. Much of the gear has been sold both at our auction and through after auction sales. In this newsletter is a list of the remaining items. The starting bid prices are shown, however the club will consider all reasonable offers, which will be presented to the board for approval. You may contact Rick Norton, WM6M for further information or to place a bid. He can be contacted at Rick@RNorton.com or 562-698-7758. Remember, this is to benefit the club as we upgrade our repeaters, so your bid helps. Thanks for your support.



For Sale:

Icom ID-880H compact dual band 50 Watt mobile, FM and D-STAR, with programming cable, missing power cord \$200.
Please Contact Rick Norton (WM6M) Info is above.



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